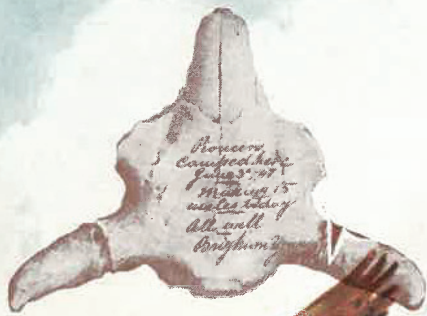




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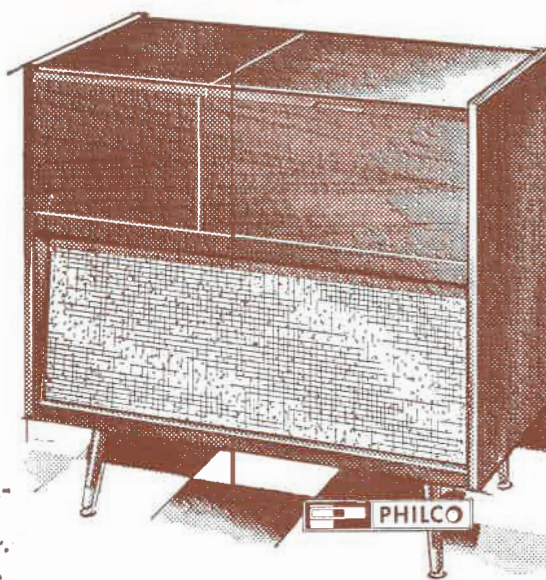
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A TESTIMONY TO SUFFERING

The following story was sent to us by Parson Webster of Cedar City. We thought it presented a view of the handcart pioneers not often found.

I heard a testimony once that made me tingle to the roots of my hair. It was in an adult Sunday School class of over fifty men and women. Nathan T. Porter, then Principal of the Branch Normal School, was the teacher and the subject under discussion was the ill-fated handcart company that suffered so terribly in the snow of 1856.

Some sharp criticism of the church and its leaders was being indulged in for permitting any company of converts to venture across the plains with no more supplies or protection than a handcart caravan afforded.

One old man in the corner sat silent and listened as long as he could stand it, then arose and said things that no person who ever heard him will ever forget. His face was white with emotion yet he spoke calmly, deliberately, and with great earnestness and sincerity.

He said in substance, "I ask you to stop this criticism. You are discussing a matter you know nothing about. Cold historic facts mean nothing here for they give no proper interpretation of the questions involved. Mistake to send the Handcart company out so late in the season? Yes. But I was in that company and my wife, too. We suffered beyond everything you can imagine and many died of exposure and starvation, but did you ever hear a survivor of that company utter a word of criticism? Not one of that Company ever apostatized or left the church because every one of us came through with the absolute knowledge that God lives for we became acquainted with him in our extremities.

"I have pulled my handcart when I was so weak and weary from illness and lack of food that I could hardly put one foot ahead of the other. I have looked ahead and seen a patch of sand or a hill slope and I have said I can go only that far and there I must give up for I cannot pull the load through it. I have gone on to that sand and when I reached it the cart began pushing me. I have looked back many times to see who was pushing my cart but my eyes saw no one. I knew then that the Angels of God were there.

"Was I sorry that I chose to come by handcart? No. Neither then nor any minute of my life since. The price we paid to become acquainted with God was a privilege to pay and I am thankful that I was privileged to come in the Martin Handcart Company."

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The Handcart like that pictured above was the only transportation many of the early Mormon Pioneers could afford in crossing the plains to Utah.

MAKE WAY, THE CHILDREN

Museums live again as children pass
Through vaulted halls to peer through
polished-glass

At tokens treasured from the ancient days:
They ponder on a heavy crown that stays
Untarnished, with its heavy duty done;
They wonder at a fossil, burned by sun
And rain, engraved with thinly stenciled
lines

The centuries have etched as warning
signs

That each thing, fossil, crown, or arrow-
head,

Has each its hour and each its earthly bed.
But children spark the relics in their case,
Envisioning the pageantry and grace
Of crowns with kings that sat on thrones
in state,

Or studying, soberly, the feather weight
Of darting death, which was the arrow
That felled both lion and gray, flustered
sparrow.

Let carved museum doors be flung out
wide,

As flocks of children make their way
inside.

—Louise D. Gunn

Utah Tourist and Publicity Council Give Village Nationwide Spread

D. James Cannon, Director of the Utah Tourist and Publicity Council, has sent word that the following article has been released to many of the large daily newspapers throughout the country, and to several magazines. "Thanks, Jim, it's nice to know that the SUP's Village is receiving publicity as a representative of the past." The article follows:

Utah's Pioneer Village . . . "When you step into this village, you step into history." These words aptly sum up Utah's unique Pioneer Village, a "living" museum started only ten years ago, that is still expanding at an extraordinary rate.

To a large extent the product of one couple's devotion and sacrifice, Pioneer Village today is a miniature, reconstructed community of the 19th century, nestled like a dream of the past among some of the newest and most exclusive suburban homes in Salt Lake Valley.

Clustered together on a tree-shaded plot of five acres is a fascinating collection of old homes, shops, churches, stores, stables, wagons, buggies, trains, and other memorabilia, plus a central building that houses one of the most unusual pioneer museums in America. Constantly being added to the village are items ranging in size from old-fashioned buttons to a large rock meeting house that was dismantled stone by stone, transported more than 40

miles from Coalville to Salt Lake City, and restored to its original condition.

The village's central museum building contains pioneer and 19th century exhibits of every conceivable sort of object, arranged and displayed more intimately and casually than is usual in museums. Among the main attractions in this building is the merchandise and fixtures of a western country general store operated late in the past century in the village of Kamas, Utah, and now restored with show cases, counters, and merchandise to closely resemble its original appearance. The main museum also contains what is considered to be one of the finest historic weapon and gun collections in America.

Other items and exhibits in the main building are the priceless photographic collection of C. R. Savage, noted photographer of early Utah; furnishings used by Brigham Young and his family; memorabilia connected with other Mormon Church presidents and leaders; pioneer tool shop; and pioneer printing shop.

Youngsters especially consider the live oxen a major attraction at Pioneer Village. These trained oxen are used to pull wagonloads of visitors around a rough "obstacle course" to give them a better

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SUP'S Annual Encampment At Cedar City



A crowd of Sons and their partners assembled at Old Irontown, which was established in 1868 by Ebenezer Hanks and others. The enterprise was operated for a number of years before it finally gave way to larger and more modern plants.



President Hale receives congratulations from Arthur Grix of Ogden immediately after his election to office. In the background is Milton V. Backman, Judge Advocate of the National Organization.



Dr. William B. Palmer addresses the Convention-goers at Mountain Meadow, where he related the history of this eventful landmark on the Old Spanish Trail.

Annual Encampment at Cedar City Features Field Treks

Among the highlights of the national encampment just completed at Cedar City were the car treks to marvelous areas where Utah history was and is being made. After meeting I. E. Riddle, General Chairman of the convention, and Clem Judd, who assigned convention-goers their quarters, shaking hands and exchanging greetings with old friends, we hustled off to the Columbia Iron Mines where the mining operation of this great company were viewed.

With the gigantic size of this huge modern industry still in mind we journeyed to the site of the old pioneer blast furnace, where we quickly realized the great growth of this industry in our fair state since our pioneer fathers first sought minerals from the mountains. Dr. William J. Palmer thrilled us with the story of the early iron industry in Utah. Clamoring aboard cars we next journeyed to cool, peaceful Mountain Meadow, where Dr. Palmer related the history of this landmark on the old Spanish Trail. The caravan returned to Cedar City just in time to dust off their shoes and hurry to the Cedar Stake House for the evening's doings. The program included a lovely dinner and Indian dances performed by local Indians.

Some of us, assuming we were vacationing, were requested by President Carl J. Christensen to set our alarms for 6 a.m. Saturday so that breakfast might be finished in time for an 8 a.m. meeting.

While the sons were sweating it out in meetings their fair ladies were entertained at an Indian colony nearby, and on a lovely tour of Cedar City conducted by the host chapter's wives.

The big meeting of the three-day encampment was held Saturday afternoon, at which time new officers of the national organization were elected. They are: Karl B. Hale, SLC, President; Earl A. Hansen, Logan, 1st Vice President; Dr. Richard Poll, Provo, 2nd Vice President; Judge Joseph G. Jeppsen, SLC, 3rd Vice President; Parson U. Webster, Cedar City, 4th Vice President, and J. Henry Graff, St. George, 5th Vice President.

Another caravan trip awaited the happy convention delegates immediately after this meeting. Cars formed in line and traveled to old Fort Harmony where the history of this early pioneer center was related, then on to New Harmony for a delightful barbequed chicken dinner.

Sunday morning found the delegates and their wives once more on the road, this time to beautiful Cedar Breaks and then to Duck Creek, where Sunday Services were held. President J. Howard

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MR. AND MRS. HORACE A. SORENSEN

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD GIVEN TO MR. AND MRS. H. A. SORENSEN

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Horace A. and Ethel Sorensen at the big National Encampment at Cedar City, by the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Since the Sons were incorporated in 1933, the Society has made only 37 such awards. This presentation now brings the total to 38. Presentation was made by President Carl J. Christensen, immediate past president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Is Huge Success — Ogden Chosen For 1959

Meet Karl B. Hale, National SUP President Organizer, Inventor, Businessman, Grand Fellow

Karl B. Hale, long-time worker in the Sons of Utah Pioneers, was elected President of the SUP at the National Convention held in Cedar City in August. Karl was born in Idaho and lived in our neighboring state until he was 23, then moved to Salt Lake, where he has made his home since.

In 1922 Karl was called to the Eastern States Mission. He can recall the time he spent in Maine without purse of script when he and his companion would make a meal from the blueberries that grew wild there. It wasn't long after his return from his mission that he married his charming wife, Delsa. Today, after 33 years of marriage, Delsa and Karl can boast of 6 children and 16 grandchildren. Both of the couple's sons have served on missions for the church.

Karl's business is real estate and subdividing. His vision has created some of the most beautiful residential areas in the valley.

Ever active in church work, Karl spent 7 years as President of the 207th Quorum of Seventies in the Highland Park Stake, and another 7 years as President of the 183rd Quorum of Seventies in the East Mill Creek Stake. At the present time he is serving in the Sunday School Superintendency of his Ward.

Karl tells us that when he first became a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, he thought he would be able to sit back and enjoy the activities and perhaps learn



PRESIDENT KARL B. HALE

New head of the National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers, looks forward to a year of progress in our growing organization.

something, but right away he was given a job and has been kept working ever since. Karl has displayed remarkable talents in his work in the organization. He

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APPOINTIVE OFFICERS TO EXECUTIVE BOARD NAMED

President Karl B. Hale announces appointment of the following officers to complete the official SUP Executive Board:

Treasurer—RONALD L. KINGSBURY, Salt Lake City.

Judge Advocate—MILTON V. BACKMAN, Salt Lake City.

Historian—GUSTAVE O. LARSON, Provo.

Chaplain—Pending.

Trails and Landmarks—FRED E. H. CURTIS, Salt Lake City.

Pony Express Centennial — ERNEST R. MCKAY, Ogden.

Utah State Parks—DR. CARL J. CHRISTENSEN, Salt Lake City.

Pioneer Stories—DR. WALTER A. KERR, Salt Lake City.

Know Your Utah—Pending.

Managing Director Pioneer Village — HORACE A. SORENSEN, Salt Lake City.

Managing Director Railroad Village — HORACE A. SORENSEN, Salt Lake City.

Executive Secretary — CLARENCE A. REEDER, JR., Bountiful.

Some officers of the Executive Board must still be chosen and their names will be announced in the *SUP News* as soon as possible.



President J. Howard Maughn stands among the Aspens of Duck Creek, where he delivered a sermon on the courage of the pioneers, Sunday morning, August 10.



President Hale takes charge of a meeting at the Cedar City Conclave. At the table, from left to right, are President Carl J. Christensen, President Hale (standing), Henry Graff, 5th Vice President; National Treasurer Ronald Kingsbury, and Horace A. Sorensen, Managing Director of the Son's fabled Pioneer Village.



Part of the crowd at the President's Banquet held at New Harmony Saturday night after a trip to Old Fort Harmony.



Hole-in-the-Rock as seen from the top. A small piece of the Colorado River is seen in the center of the picture.
—(Photo by David E. Miller)

SUP Visits Escalante Wonderlands

By GUSTIVE O. LARSON

Since the State Legislature passed a bill providing for the creation of State Parks in Utah, many scenic spots have been nominated by local boosters. None of these have combined both breath-taking beauty and historic interest more than the area of the Escalante River, and "Hole-in-the-Rock" on the Colorado. Responding to an invitation from Hole-in-the-Rock Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers at Escalante, the national organization, headed by past President Carl Christensen, explored the area on horseback from August 29th to September 2nd. Included in the company, in addition to

Dr. Christensen and son Karl, were President Karl Hale, Marlon Bateman, Ronald Kingsbury, Norman Tanner, Harold Bentley and son Charles, and Dr. Paul Keller from Salt Lake City. Gustive O. Larson, National Historian, and George Hansen were present from Provo, and Albert Albertson and James Sandberg came from Cedar City. Frank Evans and Frank Jensen represented the Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune, respectively.

The local chapter of S.U.P., headed by President Edison Alvey, proved a resourceful host supplying riding horses, pack animals, and guides, as well as real

cowboy meals. Everything was done to make riding in the sun and sleeping under the stars a thrilling experience. Assisting President Alvey were Mayor Lloyd Gates, C. R. Griffin, Truman Spencer, Commissioner H. G. Allen, Gail Bailey, Mohr Christensen, Ivan Willis and William Barker. A banquet at the Escalante Church was in the care of Wallace Roundy and Orland Porter, assisted by the Chapter women who served a delicious meal.

Sixteen horsemen descended Coyote Gulch from Willow Tanks to view the wonders of this "lost country." They were rewarded by the Lobo Arch, Coyote Bridge, and Skyline Arch the first day and later by the Broken Bow in Willow Gulch. The passage through the narrow tributaries of the Escalante River (last to be placed upon the map of the United States) presented a series of colorful cliffs, narrow defiles and overhanging gardens. The last day brought the explorers to the historic "Hole-in-the-Rock" where, in the winter of 1879-1880, two hundred San Juan colonists made a heroic conquest of the Colorado River and surrounding rugged terrain to settle in Bluff the following spring.

The historic S.U.P. trek closed with a banquet in Escalante on the evening of September 2nd. Here the party was joined by State Park Supervisor Chet Olsen, Senator and Mrs. Orville Hafen, and Horace A. Sorensen and son, Maynard, who spoke encouragingly about the prospects of Escalante's scenic environs becoming a State Park. The Sons of Utah Pioneers were enthusiastic about the prospects of sharing the beauties and historic treasures of Utah with travelers who seek the best the world has to offer.

GLEN C. BILLS OF THE SUGAR HOUSE CHAPTER TELLS US — A large crowd turned out when the Sugar House Chapter met on Monday, September 22, 1958, at the Ladies Literary Club. 850 East South Temple. A buffet dinner was served at 7 p.m. The dinner was followed by a program about New Zealand and the dedication of the Temple. Some beautiful colored slides of the trip that many S.U.P. members made were shown by Garn Henderson. Everyone had a real fine time.

An expert is one who learns more and more about less and less until he knows everything about nothing.

THE CROSSING OF THE FATHERS'

By CLARENCE A. REEDER, JR.

About 25 miles above the site of the huge Glen Canyon Dam is found the spot known as "The Crossing of the Fathers." Located in spectacularly beautiful country, this historic place is where the Domingues - Escalante Expedition crossed the Colorado River on November 7, 1776, on their way back to Santa Fe. After journeying through Utah, they found their return blocked by the Canyon of the Colorado. Searching for a crossing for 14 days, it was with great joy and praise to the Lord that these Friars found a way across the mighty river. Escalante records the events of this joyous day in his journal:

"We went very early to inspect the canyon and the ford, taking along the two genizaros Felipe and Juan Domingo, so that they might ford the river on foot since they were good swimmers. In order to lead the animals down the side of the canyon mentioned it was necessary to cut steps in a rock with axes for the distance of three varas or a little less. The rest of the way the animals were able to get down, although without pack or rider. We went down to the canyon and having traveled a mile we descended to the river and went along it downstream about two musket shots, sometimes in the water, some-

times on the bank, until we reached the widest part of its current where the ford appeared to be. One of the men waded in and found it good, not having to swim at any place. We followed him on horseback a little lower down, and when half-way across, two horses which went ahead lost their footing and swam a short distance. We waited, although in some peril, until the first wader returned from the other side to guide us and then we crossed with ease, the horses on which we crossed not having to swim at all. We notified the rest of our companions, who had remained at San Vicente, that with lassoes and ropes they should let the pack saddles and other effects, down a not very high cliff to the bend of the ford, and that they should bring the animals by the route over which we had come. They did so and about five o'clock in the afternoon they finished crossing the river, praising God our Lord and firing off a few muskets as a sign of the great joy which had cost us so much labor and delay. . . ."

This historic spot of great interest may be reached by car, during good weather, over an improved dirt road from the Glen Canyon Dam site. Just a mile above the crossing is "Kane Wash," beginning of the waterway up the Colorado River to Rainbow Bridge, and endless scenes of

spectacular beauty carved from the sandstone formations by the eroding force of the great Colorado and its tributaries. Many old gold and coal mining sites may be found in this area. The ruins of these old days tell an interesting story of an era in Utah history that very little is known about.

A trip to this scenic land is a must for the adventurous, and if you are looking for a guide this scribe would be delighted to return once more to the "Crossing of the Fathers" and the grandeur of the Glen Canyon of the Colorado.

* Herbert E. Bolton, "Pageant in the Wilderness," Utah State Historical Society, XVIII, 1950, p. 227.

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understanding of pioneer travel. Beautifully matched teams of horses also take visitors for a ride, in old-time buggies similar to that in which Brigham Young entered Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

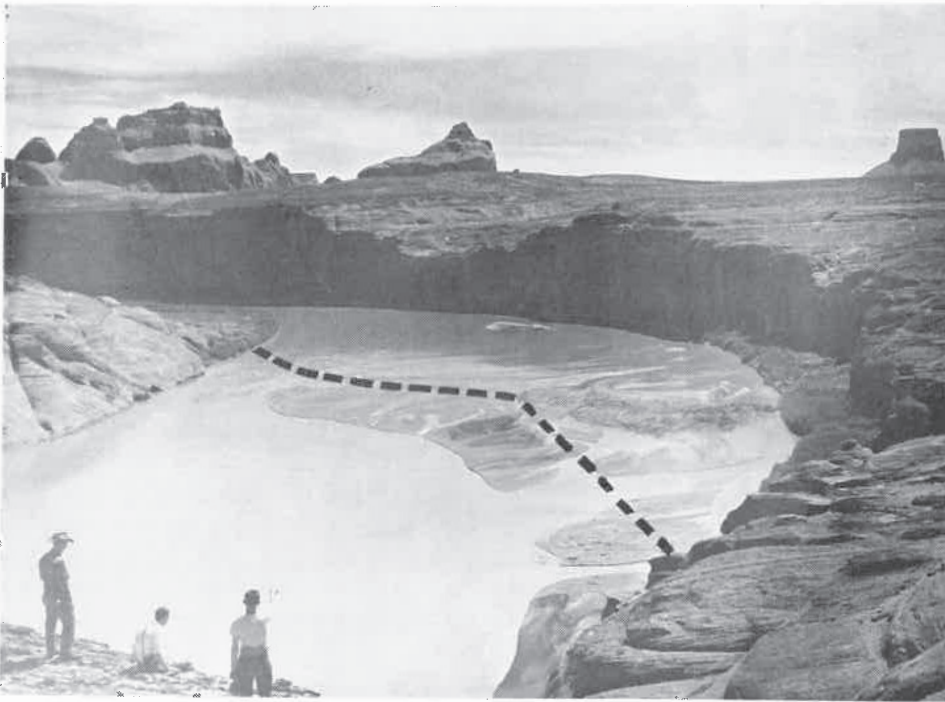
A Pony Express museum is one of the noteworthy exhibits outside the main building. Besides saddles, bridles, and other items connected with the riders and horses, the exhibit includes an original log-cabin replica of a Pony Express way station. Nearby is an authentic replica of an old stage coach station.

Other major exhibits on the ground include a blacksmith shop dating from 1862, an old carriage house, livery stable, oxen corral, Gay Nineties House, rock church dating from 1863, several early log cabins, old barber shop, and metal jail enclosure.

Pioneer Village is situated on what was part of the estate of Horace A. Sorensen, a prominent local business leader who first became interested in acquiring and preserving items of historic interest in 1933. He and Mrs. Sorensen supported the growing collection almost entirely at their own expense for more than 20 years, until they recently deeded their collections and land to the National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers. Today the village is maintained by this organization through means of a small admission charge.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers, an association of considerable membership and vitality, has local chapters all over the United States. Its members are lending their wholehearted support to the Pioneer Village, and their enthusiasm is responsible in no small degree for its amazing rate of growth in recent years.

Through the combined efforts of the S.U.P. and Mr. Sorensen, who still retains an active interest, Pioneer Village is fast becoming one of the most popular tourist and local attractions in Utah.



THE CROSSING OF THE FATHERS

This is the place where the Domingues - Escalante Expedition crossed the Colorado November 7, 1776, on their return to Santa Fe. Jacob Hamblin used the crossing many times in the 1860's and 70's; and Stockmen and Indians have used it from time to time. This photo was taken from the west rim of the Colorado River, south of Padre Creek, looking almost straight south — in the spring of the year when the water was low. The dotted line shows the approximate route of the Padres.

—(Photo by David E. Miller)

National Historical Societies Visit Village

The American Association of State and Local History and the Society of American Archivists were guests of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, August 19, 1958.

This large convention group spent two hours on a tour of Pioneer Village, then attended a banquet and program in the garden of the Horace A. Sorensen estate.

Mr. Sorensen welcomed the group and explained the purpose of the SUP organization.

Herewith is a summary of Mr. Sorensen's remarks to the assembled visitors:

"Guests of the American Association of State and Local History and Society of American Archivists:

"The Sons of Utah Pioneers are thrilled to act as your hosts at Pioneer Village this evening; you have seen a restored Village in the Valley of Great Salt Lake, made famous when President Brigham Young said, 'This is the place.' We Sons of Utah Pioneers are naturally trying to prove that he meant what he said.

"We were elated when you gave the Village an award at dear old Sturbridge during your convention a year ago. We never dreamed we would be honored with your presence here this year.

"This Village was first a collecting place for the storing of Historical pioneer relics and buildings in anticipation of later moving them to a hundred-acre site more centrally located. When circumstances beyond our control made its removal impossible, two years ago this spring we decided on its permanency right here in East Mill Creek. At first we were naturally disappointed on account of the limited space and the isolation of this location. Now, it seems a blessing in disguise because only those reach here who are eager enough, and we have about all we can take care of anyway. The five to eight acres here provided for a more compact village and seem to be about all the the average visitor can review at one time. The schools are our greatest guests; hundreds of them visit here every year and participate in horse and buggy rides and with oxen yoked to covered wagons tour the village. We are, above all, thankful for our boys and girls; they are the Pioneers of tomorrow.

"Yes, the Sons of Utah Pioneers, along

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Convention members and their guests receive horse and buggy rides at Pioneer Village. The group toured the village and then attended a banquet in the gardens of the H. A. Sorensen estate.

UTILITIES OF HISTORY

By MILTON V. BACKMAN, JR.

A revival of the popularization of history is sweeping America. The cult of Lincoln is clearly visible. The increased circulation of works on the Civil War and the West represents a flourishing trend. The expansion and creation of state and local historical societies is commendable. The broad distribution of historical journals is increasing. National historic parks are suddenly dotting the American landscape, and the recent restorations of countless buildings and villages from New England to Southern California indicate the public's renewed interest in absorbing knowledge of the past.

Why are Americans focusing their attention on this subject? Why are they yearning for historical knowledge? The answers vary. Some men assert that by analyzing the activities of their forefathers they are inspired in two directions — they learn to respect their achievements and to strive in two directions — they learn to respect their achievements and to strive to equal their resourcefulness and courage. Complacently, such individuals argue, man takes many things for granted; but by studying life as it flourished in the past, man can better appreciate the environment in which he lives. Many in this camp prefer to read biographies. By studying accounts of achievement, they learn the qualities of greatness

and the paths that others have strolled to attain their objectives. On occasions, this information has ignited the spark of incentive that has inspired many to develop their talents for the benefit of mankind.

Some men maintain that we can use history as a barometer to interpret the present through an analysis of the past. We can envisage, they say, how others conquered their problems. We can detect signs of warnings that might assist us in avoiding the pitfalls of others. Life in the present also takes on a more profound meaning when viewed in the larger context of time. And even though history can not repeat itself because of the inevitable appearance of change on the historical scene, it is nevertheless evident that if similar causes have produced similar results, then history can be applied as a mirror to reflect proposals for today's actions.

There are those who advocate that history also promotes toleration and goodwill among men. It teaches people to appreciate and respect the contributions of men of various races and religions in the fields of art, letters, and science. It guides

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V. R. MEANY SENDS WORD THAT:

The Dixie Mission Chapter of National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers, met Monday, September 1st, at 8:00 p.m. for an open-air meeting. The meeting was held in the East yard at the Brigham Young home. As the members and guests arrived they were greeted by a lovely musical program.

Will Brooks gave an interesting report of the recent encampment in this area of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers. At this encampment, our local Chapter President, Henry Graff, was elected 5th Vice President of the National Society. President Graff read a letter from President Hale of the National Society, expressing his appreciation for the part taken by our local Chapter in contributing to the success of the encampment held at Cedar City.

A lengthy discussion on the matter of our next trek resulted in the decision of the group present to make a trek Saturday, September 13th, to the Orderville, Glendale, and Alton area. The group will leave St. George at 10:30, with the intent of arriving there and meeting at noon for an open-air pot-luck lunch. A United States Army Veteran Marker, procured through the efforts of Scott Prisbrey, will be taken out for placement at the grave of a "Black Hawk" war veteran, Robert Bodily, who is buried at Alton, Utah. Graves of Mormon Battalion veterans needing markers will be sought out and located at the cemeteries of the Longvalley area, and markers obtained for them.

After disposing of the above business matters, a fruit and melon lunch was enjoyed and moving pictures of some of the former treks of our local chapter were shown.

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The speaker was Francis Webster and when he sat down there was not a dry eye in the room. We were a subdued and chastened lot. Charles R. Mabey, who later became Governor of Utah, arose and voiced the sentiment of all when he said, "I would gladly pay the same price for the same assurance of the eternal verities that Brother Webster has." Francis Webster, perhaps, more than any other man, had reason to thank the Almighty for his protecting care. He had brought a young wife from London and when that caravan reached Wolf Creek, in Nebraska, after a twenty-five-mile walk she gave birth to a baby girl. All three of the Websters came through alive and came to Cedar City, where that baby grew to womanhood, married, raised a goodly family and her children and grandchildren are among the leading families here today.

NORTHERN DISTRICT BANQUET IS ANNOUNCED—Earl A. Hansen reports that a banquet will be held on November 19th at Smithfield Stake House at the hour of 7:30 p.m. for members and their wives, at \$2.00 per plate. Mr. Hansen stated that the Northern District chapters had adopted a project of recruiting a new member for each present member and suggested the Southern Utah chapters do the same.

CHAPTER TREASURERS

**Most Chapter Dues Are
Due in January.
Start Your Renewal
Drive Now.**



Part of the turn-out for the Pioneer Chapter tour of Salt Lake City. This was a successful and different type of activity. The Chapter is certainly to be congratulated on this educational activity.

PIONEER CHAPTER MEETS THE CITY

On October 2nd, the Pioneer Chapter of the SUP fulfilled a long-standing resolution to learn more about their own "Pioneer City" by taking the guided bus tour. This trip will be long remembered by those lucky enough to have gone.

The group left by Grey Line shortly after 12 noon, and as they rolled along they munched on fried chicken, potato salad and rolls. Above the crunch of potato chips a well-informed guide gave the "tourists' tour" of Salt Lake City.

First stop was the Temple grounds, then up the hill to the State Capitol Building, where we visited the Governor's Reception Room (gold room). The University of Utah campus was next on the schedule and then down South Temple past some of the outstanding homes built long ago.

After an hour and a half of looking over the historic spots of Salt Lake City, we all agreed that there was much we had learned about our own city.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY OF UTAH MUNICIPAL LEAGUE VISIT THE VILLAGE

Welcoming the ladies . . . It was rainy but the spirits of the visitors were not dampened as they met in the old rock meeting house from Coalville. Florence and Milton Backman, assisted by Ron and Ilene Kingsbury, Delsa and President Karl Hale, Hazel and Bill Dunn, Wilda and Mack Woolley, Mae and Cliff Davis, Inez and Cliff Ludwig and Ruth Garbett acted, along with Ethel and Horace A. Sorensen, as Hosts and Hostesses for the event. Many of the ladies brought their busy husbands back the following Sunday, including Mrs. Eskelsen, charming wife of Brigham City's Mayor Ruel M. Eskelsen, who was accompanied by General Franklin West. Tom McCoy, Secretary of the Municipal League, arranged for the trip. When Tom puts on a Convention every detail is carefully handled, as it was at the Village Friday, September 12th.

Coalville's Historic Rock Fort — School — Church Restored 1863 Architectural Gem Moved to Pioneer Village

The most beautiful and inspiring of Pioneer Village's collection of authentic buildings was appropriately opened to the public with dedicatory services, September 28, 1958.

The old Rock School of Coalville, built in 1863, and dedicated in 1865 by Brigham Young, was moved, rock by rock, to Pioneer Village during the fall and spring of 1956-57 and painstakingly rebuilt.

The beautiful old building is fondly referred to by Coalville folk as the "Old Rock School House," and was the first public building to be constructed in Summit County.

Originally, the building served as a fort for protection against Ute and Shoshoni Indians, also as the community's school, town-hall, theater, recreation center, and betimes for worship. At one period, the town jail adjoined it in the rear.

The proportions of the structure, its architectural simplicity, its economy of line, and its artistic use of native stone, make it one of early Utah's priceless architectural gems. In later years the cupola

was removed from the building, but has been replaced in the restoration by means of old photographs.

Hand-hewn pews, wrought iron candle sticks, rostrum and pulpit of native pine have been installed. Scheduled for installation later this fall is the impressive pipe organ from the old Matthew Walker mansion on East South Temple Street in Salt Lake City. Pioneer Village's finest paintings will adorn the interior walls and many priceless early-Mormon relics will be appropriately exhibited.

It is planned that "candle-light vespers" and organ recitals will become a regular feature of the old building on scheduled weekly evenings. Perhaps the mood, or spirit of these occasions will recapture much of the strength and faith of the Utah Pioneers for our guests who come to hear.

Certainly, Mr. Horace Sorensen is to be congratulated for this especially fine restoration. From his point of view it was possible only because of Tom Moore and the fine people of Coalville. In our book it is an instance of the highest type of constructive cooperation.

BRIGHAM YOUNG S.U.P. VISITS FLAMING GORGE

By GUSTIVE O. LARSON

A party of twenty Sons of Utah Pioneers from Brigham Young Chapter spent the week-end of September 13-14 visiting Duchesne, Uintah and Daggett Counties. Headed by President George S. Ballif the party followed an itinerary planned by Dr. Vasco M. Tanner, tour director. The first stop was at Whiterocks on the Uintah river where Antoine Robideaux built his trading fort in 1832. Only a simple monument of stones remains among the meadow grass and bullberries to mark the spot of Utah's oldest settlement which was burned by the Utes in 1844.

The next stop was at the Dinosaur National Monument near Jensen, not far from where the Escalante party crossed Green River in 1776. Here the trekkers studied the embedded remains of life forms long since extinct, in preparation for an exploratory lecture in the evening by Dr. G. E. Untermann, Director of Utah Field House of Natural History in Vernal. Another interesting lecture at the Saturday evening meeting was given by

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with all interested persons and groups, are trying to make a little history as well as preserve the past. Our organization is eager to promote KNOW YOUR UTAH PROJECTS through its many Chapters and connections. We keep well informed through a monthly magazine, the *SUP* News, edited here. We sponsored the State Park Program among other things. We make yearly treks throughout the West, visiting and marking historical sites. We sponsor many art exhibits, barber shop quartet contests, square and folk dancing festivals, along with all the rest of it. We are now giving much needed attention to the Pony Express and Golden Spike coming Centennials. Museum Buildings here in the Village will focus attention on these and other historical celebrations.

"We are gradually getting our Museum Village in order, but have found we must temper our enthusiasm with patience because of the limited funds with which to build and sustain this ambitious program. This is a historical and cultural venture, and we feel that it should in no way be commercialized.

"Above all, tonight, we are thankful to an all-wise Providence who brought you here and we sincerely, most sincerely, ask Him to bless our associations one with another and to keep us alive while we are yet living because there is much to be done."

**REMEMBER WHEN?**

This picture was taken on the SUP trek to the Hole-in-the-Rock in 1953. Trekkers are lined up for chow at the Dancehall Rock Camp. Many readers will recognize themselves.

—(Photo by David E. Miller.)

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Secretary Siddoway of the Vernal Chamber of Commerce. He discussed the Upper Colorado River Basin with special emphasis on the Central Utah Project.

On Sunday morning the party crossed the Uintah Mountains for a look into Green River Canyon. After a brief period of worship at Green's Lake the caravan spiraled down the mountain slopes to Manila and out over a new highway to the Dutch John settlement at the Flaming Gorge damsite. Already, in this newly spawned community tucked in between Green River and the Wyoming border, preparations are under way for full-scale construction work early in 1959.

The party returned home by way of Greenriver, Wyoming, and historic Fort Bridger with a new appreciation of the rich resources of northeastern Utah and particularly of the importance of the Colorado River in the future development of the Mormon state. Included in the trek were President and Mrs. George S. Ballif, Dr. Vasco M. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn D. Taylor, Professor and Mrs. J. Wyley Sessions, Dr. and Mrs. Jesse I. Weight, Dr. and Mrs. Byron Done, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Hamblin, Dr. Clarence S. Boyle, Professor William H. Snell and S.U.P. Historian and Mrs. Gustive O. Larson.

Dixie Mission Chapter Treks to Historic Sites

(Ed. Note: Secretary-Treasurer Viv Leany of our St. George chapter sends the following item about the chapter's May 31st trek to the old Washington Field Dam and the Camp Lorenzo Cotton Farm.)

After meeting at the St. George City Cemetery at 4:30 of the afternoon of Saturday, May 31st, for viewing of the first two arrivals of veterans' markers for Mormon Battalion member's graves; an eight-car caravan of 35 members and guests of Dixie Mission Chapter began their first monthly "trek" of the 1958 summer season.

First stop was at the Washington field dam With the river in high water stage, pouring over the rocks, the dam as we here viewed it from the west side, was a beautiful sight. The story, as told by A. Karl Larson, of the construction of limb and brush dams, and of a spill dam prior to the construction of this one; then, finally of the construction of this dam, impressed us with the sturdy undaunting character of our pioneer forebears.

Two miles farther up the river we came to the remains of a massive two-story building, at what was established as Camp Lorenzo, on the cotton farm project of



CLARENCE REEDER, JR.

His job is to serve you. He's ready and willing to do all he can to keep SUP strong and active.

MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The photo above is that of Clarence A. Reeder, Jr., known to most people as Bud. He will be on duty to serve the members of the National Society whenever needed. Bud is a native of Ogden; is married and has three fine children. He is a graduate of the University of Utah and at present is finishing a thesis to complete his requirements for a Master's Degree in History. During the Korean War, Bud served as an Infantry Captain and currently commands HQ Co. 96th Inf. Div. Reserve.

He is extremely interested in treks throughout this state of ours. Bud is waiting and ready to aid and assist any and all members.

His plea is for the members to send news and pictures of Chapter activities for our *SUP News*.

the Brigham City United Order. The house was of beautiful rock masonry.

The story of this project was also related to the interest of all present by A. Karl Larson from the facts he has gathered in his historical research on the founding of this Dixie area.

Pot-luck lunch was enjoyed by all at this setting, just before returning home at dusk.

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has been instrumental in organizing two new chapters and helped in the organization of a third. He has been Chapter President of the Sugar House and East Mill Creek Chapters and has held numerous national offices. Now his work in the Sons is being climaxed by being chosen National President.

Creating new ideas is Karl's hobby. He has plans ready at the present time for an automotive improvement which he hopes will be in use as soon as next spring.

Karl is the great-grandson of Jonathan H. Hale, bishop of the Nauvoo 9th Ward.

We are proud to have Karl B. Hale as our new national president and pledge our support to him in his endeavors to build our organization.

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Maughn occupied the pulpit as guest speaker and delivered an inspiring sermon on the pioneers. This service, in such a beautiful setting, was the highlight of the encampment.

This encampment was something long to be remembered. Yes, those of you who missed it missed much. Our thanks are extended to the committee responsible for this orderly and well-arranged encampment. It consisted of I. E. Riddle, General Chairman; J. Henry Graff, and W. Clair Rowley, Vice Chairmen; Harley W. Dalton, Clifton Halterman, David L. Sargent, Clem Judd, S. Alva Matheson, John C. Robb, Daniel B. Crawford, Howard Dalley, George A. Croft and Leland Heywood, Committeemen.

The encampment voted to hold the 1959 annual meeting at Ogden.

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The newly elected officers of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers pose for their first official picture after the election held at the big Cedar City Encampment. The new officers make their homes in communities throughout the state. From the left is Judge Joseph G. Jeppsen, Salt Lake City, 3rd Vice President; Earl A. Hansen, Logan, 1st Vice President; Karl B. Hale, Salt Lake City, President; Parson U. Webster, Cedar City, 4th Vice President; and J. Henry Graff, St. George, 5th Vice President.

OUR PIONEER HERITAGE

(Summary of a talk delivered by President J. Howard Maughn, Sunday, August 10, 1958.)

"God bless the memory of our pioneers," reminded President J. Howard Maughn in his inspirational address delivered at Duck Creek outdoor pavilion at the Sabbath service of the National Encampment. President Maughn exhorted those present to keep the flames of their accomplishments burning brightly in the hearts of the people.

On Saturday, July 24, 1847, President Maughn continued, the pioneers witnessed a depressing scene — a dry, barren desert covered with sage. Most of these immigrants had lived in climatic regions that provided green fertile landscapes contrasted to the dry emptiness of the Great Basin. They had traveled more than 1,400 miles and many had walked most of the journey. Yet, some were ready to resume their trek in order to settle in the coastal valleys; and among those who vigorously protested remaining in Salt Lake was the wife of Brigham Young, Clara Decker Young. As President Maughn

suggested, this new era of settlement was truly a period in which the leadership of the church was placed on trial and the faith of the saints was strenuously tested.

The Mormon leaders, added President Maughn, had not blindly selected that locality for the establishment of their Zion. While residing in Nauvoo, he noted, the General Authorities studied the writings and maps of numerous explorers, including the works of Fremont. Before they crossed the ice-choked Mississippi they had carefully determined their destination. Consequently, when Jim Bridger advised them not to settle in the Salt Lake Valley and suggested other sites, such as Cache Valley, Brigham Young dogmatically refused to alter his plans. And the remarkable accomplishments of the Great American colonizer proved that he was a man endowed with unusual foresight.

President Maughn further declared that the pioneers did not initiate their settlement of Cache Valley until nine years after their arriving in the Great Basin, and by that time they had already located from California to Idaho. Then in 1855, the pioneers took 3,000 head of cattle

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**RAIN OR SHINE . . .**

ARTHUR COWAN
Social Security No. 529-01-7197

Bullwacker, Teamster and Buffalo Trainer at the Village. But, above all, congenial, obliging and well-liked by all. Shown with the Praying Oxen, Lars and Ben, taking the ladies of the Utah Municipal League for a ride around the Village on September 12.

BEHOLD YE THESE WONDERS

After the trek described by Gustive O. Larson into the Escalante River area, Fay Alvey gave the following talk at the banquet held after the trekkers returned.

By FAY ALVEY

I, Fay Alvey, having been born of goodly parents, yea and also having dwelt in the land of Escalante for the space of many years, do write concerning the doings of the people of this land; and I do make record with mine own hand and according to mine own knowledge.

Now it came to pass that in this land of Escalante and in the country surrounding it, contained many great and marvelous scenes, but because of the roughness of the wilderness few there were who cast their eyes upon the wonders of this beautiful land. Now behold, the people who dwelt in this land were desirous that the great multitudes should proceed forth from out of the cities and behold these great and marvelous works of Mother Nature; nevertheless, they could not say unto them, "Come hither, ye Brethren from other lands; cast thine eyes upon the great and marvelous Hole-in-the-Rock; take thineselves hither unto the Coyote Gulch and Lobo arch; let your hearts rejoice in the wonders wrought by Mother Nature!"

Nay, we could not say these things for fear of stirring up the wrath of the traveler, as there were no roads, the way being rough and filled with pitfalls and bumps inso-much that it did rattle the teeth and shake the bones of those brave enough to attempt the journey.

Now it came to pass that the inhabitants of this country did cry repeatedly unto the great and mighty Brethren, "Roads, roads; make us more and better roads." But their ears were deaf, their eyes blind and their hearts hardened against us. Now behold, we did murmur much and did say all manner of things concerning these lawmakers, and we did elect one of our Sisters from the land of Boulder to go Northward and plead with the Brethren; and we did form a mighty organization and did call it the SUP, and spokesmen were elected and they did write many letters, and did make phone calls, and behold in the course of time the Brethren from the Northland did say unto us, "Yea, we will come down from the land of our inheritance and mingle with you, one with another, and cast our eyes upon your scenery, yea even to the extent of mounting of your beasts and traveling into the wilderness; yea, even

unto your gulches and your mighty gorges and your sun-baked desert!"

Now behold, the Brethren of this land were filled with joy and they did rejoice exceedingly; and they did gather together their food and their sleeping bags and their beasts of burden and they did say unto other Brethren, "Come, go down with us into the desert, harden thy muscles, sunburn thy nose, and make sore thy seats to show unto our visiting Brethren the great and marvelous sights of our land.

Now it came to pass that provisions were gathered together and everything was made ready, and they traveled in the wilderness for the space of many days, and the way was rough and the country rugged; nevertheless, they did return in safety to mingle together in the synagogue and eat, drink and make merry. Now, behold, I do make an end of mine writings to listen to words from the mouths of our Brethren from the Northland concerning their sojourn in our wilderness.

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into scenic Cache Valley and after the first winter only 300 survived. One of these original settlers, Ross Kelly, recorded in his diary that frost was visible there throughout the year. Now, President Maughn advised, the more temperate climate should incite men to note their multiple blessings.

In conclusion, President Maughn proclaimed that the works of the pioneers did not retire with them to heaven. Their remarkable accomplishments have survived, and we should not forget the fruits which they left for our benefit.

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It Pays to Be Identified With Sons of Utah Pioneers

During the past four years the membership rolls of the Sons of Utah Pioneers have increased more than 330%.

Never before in the history of the Society has there been such activity and such an influx of new members. Men are finding that it pays big dividends in personal satisfaction to be identified with SUP.

Every member receives an annual membership card that authenticates him as a member in good standing in the National Society. Colors of these cards and the year of issue are changed each 12 months on January 1st. (This makes it easy to identify currently paid memberships.)

Current membership cards are a passport into any gathering of SUP members or chapters anywhere in the country. They also are an excellent entree into other historical societies and historical collections all over the United States. They set you apart.



Every member receives on joining, a handsomely engraved Certificate of Membership, which he can frame and hang on the wall of his office or home. It is something dignified and exclusive and testifies of your Pioneer heritage and of your patriotism. This is sent free to all members.

Members are urged to buy an official SUP lapel button to wear on the lapel of their business suits.

This button identifies an SUP member to the public. They are made of special bronze in two colors. Send \$1 to the National office, and your button will be immediately mailed.



As an inducement for men of leadership ability to organize NEW S U P Chapters, the National office has prepared attractive mounted sections



of an old rail from the original roadbed across Promontory Summit to be awarded to anyone instrumental in bringing a new chapter into being. These rail sections are mounted on an oak base and are suitable for desk ornaments. They are polished and deeply etched, and bear a bronze plate with the recipient's name. One of these sections is waiting for YOU. All you have to do to receive it is get a new SUP chapter started. We'll help you.

LEGRAND P. BACKMAN LAUDS EDUCATION

Education as a challenge of the past, present and future was the theme of LeGrand P. Backman's stirring address, delivered on October 1st at the SUP Luncheon Club's monthly meeting at the Hotel Utah. Mr. Backman pointed out the tremendous task that lies ahead in providing for the education of the ever-growing number of American youth that have and will continue to overfill our schools. "But education," said Mr. Backman, "is necessary if we are to meet the challenge of the space age." Pointing out the great obstacles our pioneer fathers overcame in bringing the three "R's" to Utah, he challenged us as pioneers in the Space Age to rise to meet the task of education today.



LEGRAND P. BACKMAN

The Criterion Quartet, organized in 1924, and directed by J. Spencer Cornwall, thrilled the large gathering with songs from yesterday. This group, though no longer active, was for many years heard over radio station KSL. The quartet includes J. Spencer Cornwall, director and accompanist; James M. Astin, first tenor; Joseph E. Kjar, second tenor; George C. Lloyd, first bass and Alvin Keddington, second bass.

After the entertaining program, President Crawford Houston announced that the next meeting would be the big fall party held annually by the Luncheon Club Chapter.

DR. WALTER A. KERR ANNOUNCES that prize-winning stories, in booklet form, can be purchased for 25 cents, at 132 University Street, Salt Lake City.

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men to acknowledge that conscientious, capable, God-fearing citizens are to be found among all nations in all ages. The student of history is in a position to crush provincialism and to develop mature thinking by learning to respect the beliefs and by grasping the "truths" proclaimed by others.

In addition, some scholars have emphasized the importance of human self-knowledge. How can man know himself if he has not studied the path man has trod, the problems that man has solved, and the failures that have perpetually plagued his generations? A study of history is invaluable if we are to comprehend the capabilities of man.

In summarizing the utilitarian value of history, Cicero descriptively wrote, "History is the witness of periods of time, the messenger of antiquity, the light of truth, the life of memory, the instructress of life." It is also the guardian of liberty, the advocate of toleration, the creator of appreciation, and the agent of incentive.

The laboratory of history is the world in which we live. The records of facts that should be recalled are located in diaries, account books, journals, newspapers, government publications, church records, and many other written sources. In addition, valuable historical information is contained in poetry penned by authors, busts carved by sculptors, paintings created by artists, buildings designed by architects, handicraft skillfully produced by artisans, and drama brought to life by actors. Only by collecting a vast fund of information and by splicing together facts from all facets of life can we develop a complete picture of the daily life of man.

The community that neglects to preserve or refuses to collect historical records limits its knowledge to the present. As Herbert J. Muller aptly declared in *The Uses of the Past* (New York, 1952), we are the inheritors of knowledge, "skills, styles, customs, institutions, and ideas" and other enduring things that we should not be willing to see destroyed.

Once the public is educated to the fact that innumerable pragmatic and aesthetic values are derived from a study of history, then society might zealously strive to preserve for posterity the documents and relics that will enable man to more accurately interpret the past. We should cull from the flames of the ages the warm messages that reveal the mind and activities of man. We should work unitedly toward the preservation of that which is applicable, authentic, and significant. Then, we should conscientiously exercise our innate capacities, sacrifices for greater good, and strive towards higher ideals.

New Chapter Under Way at Corinne

A group of the leading citizens of Corinne met at the Corinne Ward Thursday evening, October 3rd, 1958, where they were greeted by President Karl B. Hale of the National Organization of SUP, and Horace A. Sorensen, director of Pioneer Village and the new Railroad Village to be located at Corinne.

The meeting was called by Adolf Reeder, long-time member from Box Elder, in the hope of forming a new chapter of SUP. Things got under way when Bill Coles started pumping his accordion and the crowd joined in to sing favorite songs. President Hale greeted the group and encouraged them in their efforts to form a new chapter. Next Mr. Sorensen explained the plans for the new railroad museum that will be ready late in October or early in November. The group dis-

Ferry, LeVon Mills, Alma G. Jones, and Bishop James H. Norman.

The new chapter is planning a dinner party in November at which time it hopes to have over fifty members and elect new officers.

**IT'S A DUTY
AS WELL AS A RIGHT
TO VOTE!
REMEMBER:
VOTE HOW YOU PLEASE,
BUT VOTE!**



Members of the new Corinne Chapter pose for their picture in railroad attire. The Chapter hopes to assist in putting a railroad museum at Corinne. Seated, left to right, Miles Ferry, Fred Bradford, Mayor H. E. Larson, Jesse B. Nicholas; standing, Adolf Reeder, Donald Cutler, Alma Jones, Bishop James H. Norman and LaVon Mills.

cussed the raising of funds for the purpose of fencing this long-awaited museum. Miles Ferry, Secretary of the Corinne Bird Association, reported that his organization was favorably considering donating the proceeds from the sale of hunting permits for this year. With this as a beginning, money should soon be raised to complete the fencing project.

Enough men stepped forward at the call to form an SUP Chapter in Corinne and the group elected Jess Nicholas of Corinne, Chairman of the proposed new chapter.

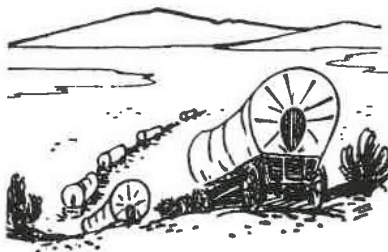
The new members include Jesse B. Nicholas, Chairman; Mayor H. E. Larsen, Fred E. Bradford, Donald Cutler, William A. Wood, Vernon H. Cutler, Miles Y.

NECROLOGUE . . . LON WOOLLEY REESE

Lon Woolley Reese, 62, for many years a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Luncheon Club, died September 8, 1958.

A descendant of pioneer Samuel A. Woolley who arrived in Utah in 1848, he was the son of George K. and Susan Woolley Reese. He married Emma Gillespie in the Salt Lake Temple October 10, 1917. He had served as bishop of the Wells Ward and was president of the High Priests Quorum of the Hillside Stake and a member of the Board of Directors of Deseret Industries.

In the past he served as secretary of the Utah Manufacturers Association and as manager of the Union Linen Supply Company. He was director of public relations and sales at radio station KNAK at the time of his death and a director of the Salt Lake Advertising Club. A Sugar House Chamber of Commerce affiliate he was also a member of the Sugar House Regional Board. Being a lover of music he had for years been a member of the Utah Symphony Orchestra.—(Reprinted from the *Voice of the Pioneer*.)



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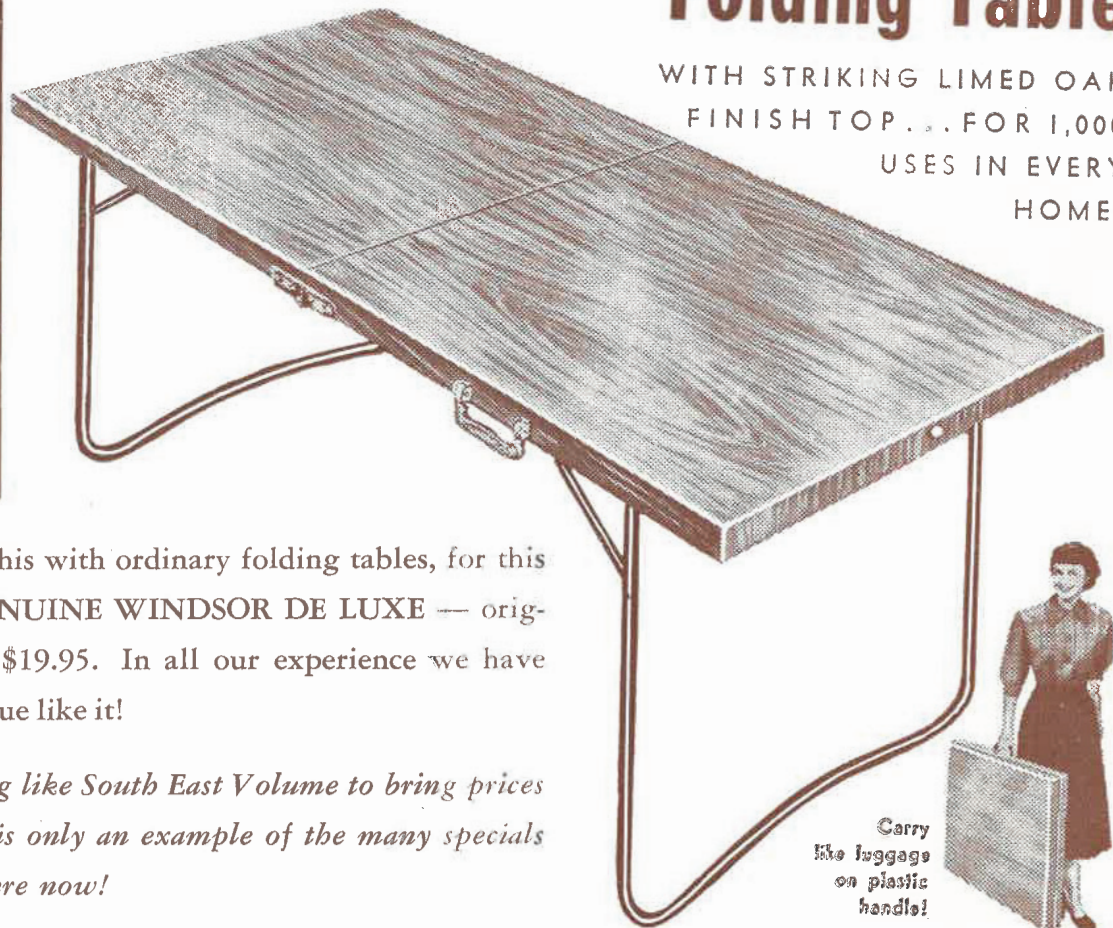
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